Authority. This Act already contains stringent provisions for punishing removal of human organ without authority and for commercial dealings in human organs. Information on illegal organ transplantation has been sought from States/UTs.

(c) and (d) The cases in Delhi are under investigation by Delhi Police & also are sub-judice.

(e) and (f) A review committee was constituted as per the order of Hon'ble Delhi High court dated 6.9.04 to review the provisions of Transplantation of Human Organ Act, 1994. The final report of the Committee has been received by the Government. The Government is examining the Report of the Review Committee for implementation in phases.

Innovative population control programme by Sikkim Government

1141. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the innovative programme of Sikkim Government to promote small families through sops like Rs.2500/- to a 13 years unmarried girls and another Rs.500/- to a girl marrying only at 22 years;

(b) if so, whether Government would be keep to introduce such sops in the rest of the country in view of population control programme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Vaccination against Japanese Encephalitis

1142. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Japanese Encephalitis (JE) has taken 700 lives in U.P. and estimated 2400 patients (mostly children) are still critically ill;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the JE vaccine currently available at the costs anywhere between US $9-15 (Rs.396 to Rs.660) for three doses required for fully immunize a child and the cost of vaccinating UP's 7 million children would amount to Rs.2.5 billion almost twice the entire health budget of the State; and

(c) in view of the above, how Government propose to tackle this problem not only in U.P. but all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. During the year 2005, Japanese Encephalitis (JE) outbreak has been reported in eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and till 17th November, 2005, 5842 cases and 1387 deaths have been reported. Children below 15 years were mostly affected.

(b) Killed mouse brain JE vaccine is being manufactured in limited quantities at the Central Research Institute, Kasauli and supplied directly to the States by using State funds. Three doses of the vaccine provide immunity lasting a few years and repeated booster doses are required every 3 years. Cost of mouse brain JE vaccine is Rs.50/- per dose (approximate).

(c) There is no specific treatment of JE and management of cases is carried out symptomatically. However, for prevention of the disease, various public health measures such as control of mosquitoes, protection from mosquito bites by using mosquito net, protective clothing and keeping the pig-the animal reservoir of JE away from human dwellings are advocated. Government of India is strengthening CRI, Kasauli to augment the capacity for manufacturing of JE vaccines. Besides, Govt. has also advised States to procure JE vaccine from outside the country which are approved by Drug Controller General of India (DCGI). For regular monitoring of the JE States have been advised to establish sentinel sites for carrying out disease and vector surveillance on regular basis.

Setting up of public health schools

1143. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to set up two major public health schools, on the lines of the IITs, and IIMs, to train healthcare professionals, policy-makers and administrators on the nuances of public health;

(b) if so, the details and its present status thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a special purpose vehicles has already been created and would involve Government and private fundings; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?